

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION ORDERS

Tuesday, January 13, 2015  
Materials Conference Room  
Ames DOT Complex

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On Tuesday, January 13, the Commission and staff will meet informally at 10:30 a.m. in the Materials conference room at the DOT complex in Ames. After the workshop, the Commission will have an informal lunch in the Director's conference room. Transportation-related matters will be discussed but no action will be taken.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Director's Office Order No. D-2015-31  
Submitted by Connie Page Phone No. 515-239-1242 Meeting Date January 13, 2015  
Title Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2014, Commission Meeting

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014, Commission meeting.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Yanney Seconded by Boswell

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Huber	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Miles	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Putney	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Reasner	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Rose	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Yanney	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

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Note: Commissioners Amy Reasner, Dan Huber, Charese Yanney, and Lori Miles participated by telephone.

Commission Chair Rose said the Commission had a great discussion this morning and reviewed a lot of issues.

#### Commission Comments

1. Davenport/Bettendorf World Transportation Days

Commission Chair Rose said Director Trombino III spoke to Davenport and Bettendorf a couple weeks ago at their world transportation days. Director Trombino's presentation was well received and Commission Chair said he learned from it.



ITEM 1. Amend rule 761—13.10(17A) as follows:

**761—13.10(17A) Maintenance of records.** The department shall retain for ~~three~~ at least five years from the date of the final decision copies of ~~decisions~~ the record made before the presiding officer, the decision received from ~~the presiding officers~~ officer, ~~decisions~~ the decision issued by the director, and related correspondence.

ITEM 2. Amend **761—Chapter 13**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 17A and Iowa Code section ~~10A.202~~ 10A.801.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-33  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2015  
 Title Statewide Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the statewide Transportation Alternatives program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Iowa's Living Roadway Projects Program (Trees Forever)	\$ 200,000
Iowa Safe Routes to School Partnership (Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority and Iowa Bicycle Coalition)	\$ 157,893
Lewis & Clark Multiuse Trail Implementation Phase 1 (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 230,607
Native Grass and Wildflower Seed for County Road Rights of Way (University of Northern Iowa and UNI Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management)	\$ 336,500
Urban Youth Corps (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 75,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Transportation Alternatives Program was created in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) legislation and provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects including transportation enhancements, federal recreational trails, safe routes to school, and several other discretionary programs such as the national scenic byway program. This funding supports community based projects to expand travel choices and enhance transportation experiences by supporting bicycles, pedestrians, cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental projects related to surface transportation infrastructure.

By a Transportation Commission decision, the Department reserved \$1 million for statewide projects with the remaining funding distributed to Iowa's nine metropolitan planning organizations and 18 regional planning affiliations for their selection of projects of regional significance.

For this round we received nine applications requesting over \$2 million in funding. Last month staff reviewed with the Commission the recommendation to fund five projects at \$1 million. He requested Commission approval of the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendation as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Putney moved, Commissioner Boswell seconded the Commission approve the statewide Transportation Alternatives program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

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COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-34  
 Submitted by Craig Markley Phone No. 515-239-1027 Meeting Date January 13, 2015  
 Title Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from the federal Recreational Trails Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

Gypsum City OHV Park – Phase 3 Trail Construction (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Webster County Improvement Corporation)	\$ 195,559
Iowa DNR AmeriCorps Trail Crew (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)	\$ 280,000
Mitchellville to Prairie City Rails to Trails Corridor Acquisition (Jasper County Conservation)	\$ 450,599
Raccoon River Valley Trail to High Trestle Trail Connector Phase 1 Acquisition/Construction - Perry to Bouton (Dallas County Conservation Board)	\$ 119,575
Snowmobile Trail Grooming Equipment Purchase (Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State Snowmobile Association)	\$ 240,000
Support for Program and Bicycle/Trails Summits (Iowa Department of Transportation)	\$ 18,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,304,133</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails Program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Craig Markley, Office of Systems Planning, said the Federal Recreational Trails program was created under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) legislation in 1991 and provides funding to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail related facilities for non-motorized and motorized users. Examples include hiking, bicycling, water trails, equestrian, cross country skiing, snow mobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.

We received 21 applications requesting almost \$8 million in funding. Last month staff shared with the Commission a recommendation to fund six projects at \$1,304,133. He requested Commission approval of the Federal Recreational Trails program recommendation as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Boswell moved, Commissioner Putney seconded the Commission approve the federal Recreational Trails program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER**

Division/Bureau/Office Planning, Programming and Modal Division  
Office of Systems Planning Order No. PPM-2015-35  
 Submitted by Debra Arp Phone No. 515-239-1681 Meeting Date January 13, 2015  
 Title Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program Funding Recommendations

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Review of the current round of applications for funding from Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program has been completed. The following funding recommendations will be presented.

#2 Green/#6 Brown/#3 Blue Service Expansion & Bus Expansion (Ames Transit Agency)	\$ 860,734
Adaptive Traffic Signal Control System - 50th Street/60th Street (West Des Moines)	\$ 397,960
Express Routes #92,#93,#98 Service Improvements (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority)	\$ 227,453
I-380 and Boyson Road Interchange Improvements (Hiawatha)	\$1,000,000
Smart Transit: Midtown Loop (Grey Line) and Feeder (Express) (Dubuque dba The Jule Transit)	\$ 442,735
University of Iowa/Iowa City Bike Share Program (University of Iowa and Iowa City)	\$ 135,300
US Hwy 6 Adaptive Traffic Control System Implementation (Clive and Urbandale)	\$ 665,600
Windsor Heights Transit Station and Park & Ride (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority and Windsor Heights)	\$ 200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,929,782</b>

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations as listed.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
Rose	_____	_____	_____
Yanney	_____	_____	_____

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Debra Arp, Office of Systems Planning, said Iowa's Clean Air Attainment program came as a result of the creation of the federal Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program in ISTEA legislation. We have \$4 million in CMAQ money set aside annually for Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP). This is an application based program that awards funding to projects with the highest potential for reducing transportation-related congestion and air pollution. Project priorities include reducing vehicle miles of travel and single occupant vehicle travel, improving vehicle traffic flow, improving air quality, and reducing traffic congestion. Projects are evaluated based on their cost effectiveness.

We received 13 applications requesting over \$7.1 million in funding. Last month we shared with the Commission our recommendation to fund eight projects for \$3,929,782. She requested Commission approval of Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendation as listed on the commission order.

Commissioner Putney moved, Commissioner Boswell seconded the Commission approve Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program funding recommendations as listed. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Planning, Programming and Modal Division

Division/Bureau/Office Office of Rail Transportation Order No. PPM-2015-36

Submitted by Stuart Anderson Phone No. 515-239-1661 Meeting Date January 13, 2015

Title Revised 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:**

Staff will present the revised 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

A listing of the revised program of projects is attached.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the revised 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair Program.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
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Stuart Anderson, Planning, Programming and Modal Division said the Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program is funded by a standing appropriation of \$900,000. This funding is made available through an application-based program for local jurisdictions to rebuild highway-railroad grade crossings. Last month we presented proposed revisions to the 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program. These revisions were necessary due to previously awarded projects being canceled either due to a no longer existing need at those crossings or, in one case, the project wasn't ready to proceed because the local match was not available.

He requested Commission approval of the revised 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program as shown on the list attached to the commission order.

Commissioner Boswell moved, Commissioner Reasner seconded the Commission approve the revised 2015 and 2016 Highway-Railroad Crossing Surface Repair program.

Commissioner Putney said he voiced his concerns earlier and he is confident that staff will study a revision of the criteria and process for this program. He will abstain from voting. Remaining Commissioners voted aye.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION ORDER

Division/Bureau/Office Highway / Engineering / Traffic and Safety Order No. H-2015-30  
Submitted by Terry Ostendorf Phone No. 239-1077 Meeting Date January 13, 2015  
Title FY 2016 Traffic Safety Improvement Program Projects

**DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND:** Deferred from the December 9, 2014 Commission meeting.

In 1987, the Iowa Legislature provided that one-half percent of the Road Use Tax Fund be used for traffic safety improvements or studies on public roads under city, county, or state jurisdiction.

The program provides three funding areas for candidate safety projects:

1. Site-specific.
2. Traffic control devices.
3. Research studies and safety initiatives.

The candidate projects and the recommendations from department staff and the state/county/city safety program advisory committee have been presented to the Commission for review and approval.

**PROPOSAL/ACTION RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Commission approve the FY 2016 Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

	Aye	Vote Nay	Pass
Boswell	_____	_____	_____
Huber	_____	_____	_____
Miles	_____	_____	_____
Putney	_____	_____	_____
Reasner	_____	_____	_____
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Jan Laaser-Webb, Office of Traffic and Safety, said the Traffic Safety Improvement Program was established in 1987 by the Iowa Legislature. The program is implemented to serve Iowa's roadways through an application process. This year it is recommended 24 site specific projects, 20 traffic control device projects, and 18 studies be funded at a total cost of \$9,699,685.

Commissioner Boswell moved, Commissioner Putney seconded the Commission approve the FY 2016 Traffic Safety Improvement Program. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.